

National Park Service Special Images

The following images have been extracted from the IMPROVE Slide Spectrum CDs. They represent the cleanest and the haziest clear sky, non-weather, images found in the IMPROVE 35mm slide data base. For each image, the extinction coefficient was estimated from slide contrast measurements. Then using the average species concentrations of the 20% lowest and highest fine mass days, the yearly average f(rh) from EPA's HazeCalc program, and the following procedure, the estimated Reconstructed PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ aerosol concentrations were calculated:

$$b_{\text{ext}} = 3.0 \text{ f(rh)[Sulfate]} + 3.0 \text{ f(rh)[Nitrate]} + 4.0[\text{OMC}] + 10.0[\text{LAC}] + 1.0[\text{Soil}] + 0.6[\text{CM}] + b_{\text{RAY}} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Reconstructed Fine Mass} = \text{RCFM} = [\text{Sulfate}] + [\text{Nitrate}] + [\text{OMC}] + [\text{LAC}] + [\text{Soil}] \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Species Mass Fraction} = \text{FracSpecies} = [\text{Species}] / \text{RCFM} \quad (3)$$

Then rearranging and dividing both sides of equation 1 by RCFM

$$\frac{\{b_{\text{ext}} - b_{\text{RAY}}\}}{\text{RCFM}} = \frac{3.0 \text{ f(rh)[Sulfate]}}{\text{RCFM}} + \frac{3.0 \text{ f(rh)[Nitrate]}}{\text{RCFM}} + \frac{4.0[\text{OMC}]}{\text{RCFM}} + \frac{10.0[\text{LAC}]}{\text{RCFM}} + \frac{1.0[\text{Soil}]}{\text{RCFM}} + \frac{0.6[\text{CM}]}{\text{RCFM}} \quad (4)$$

Then for any estimated b_{ext} and specific Species Mass Fractions, the corresponding RCFM can be calculated as:

$$\text{PM}_{2.5} = \text{RCFM} = \{b_{\text{ext}} - b_{\text{RAY}}\} / \{ 3.0 \text{ f(rh) FracSulfate} + 3.0 \text{ f(rh) FracNitrate} + 4.0 \text{ FracOMC} + 10.0 \text{ FracLAC} + 1.0 \text{ FracSoil} + 0.6 \text{ FracCM} \} \quad (5)$$

$$\text{PM}_{10} = \text{RCFM} + \text{RCFM} * \text{FracCM} \quad (6)$$

Bryce Canyon National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 11 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 0.2 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 0.4 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Bryce Canyon National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 78 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 14.2 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 30.2 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Canyonlands National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 12 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 0.3 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 1.1 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Canyonlands National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 98 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 16.7 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 45.8 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Crater Lake National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 12 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 0.3 \text{ } \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 0.7 \text{ } \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Crater Lake National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 391 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 62.7 \text{ } \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 135.2 \text{ } \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Glacier National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 11 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 0.2 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 0.4 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Glacier National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 206 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 34.0 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 71.1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Grand Canyon National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 11 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 0.2 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 0.6 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Grand Canyon National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 195 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 37.3 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 93.1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Great Basin National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 11 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 0.2 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 0.5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Great Basin National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 98 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 18.7 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 40.8 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Mesa Verde National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 11 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 0.2 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 0.5 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Mesa Verde National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 98 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 18.4 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 42.6 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Mount Rainier National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 15 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 0.7 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 2.1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Mount Rainier National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 391 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 54.0 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 82.2 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Point Reyes National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 12 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 0.1 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 0.5 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Point Reyes National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 196 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 23.3 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 62.3 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Rocky Mt. National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 13 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 0.5 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 1.7 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Rocky Mt. National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 196 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 36.6 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 76.6 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Shenandoah National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 13 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 0.3 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 0.5 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Shenandoah National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 531 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 65.4 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 86.4 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Weminuche Wilderness: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 11 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 0.2 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 0.6 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Weminuche Wilderness: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 130 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 23.6 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 53.2 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Yellowstone National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 15 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 0.8 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 2.3 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Yellowstone National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 196 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 36.8 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 104.0 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Yosemite National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 12 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 0.3 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 1.1 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Yosemite National Park: Estimated $b_{\text{ext}} = 245 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5} = 43.9 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, $\text{PM}_{10} = 83.4 \text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

